block (Nov-Feb. is 7 per cent and that for the summer block (March—June) as well as the monsoon block (July—Ovt.) is 7 per cent. Besides regular allocations, additional ad-hoc releases are also made to meet specific contingencies like drought/flood, shortage of LPG/Soft Coke etc.

A statement showing allocations and releases of Kerosene to States/UTs during the period from January 1987 to March 1988 is at Annexure. (See Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 94).

Telecast of serials on sports

2215. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have recently received any suggestion from any quarter for telecast of special sports by outstanding sports persons of India in order to popularise differs sports disciplines; and

(b) if so the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) and ((b) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received from eminent sports persons i.e Mihceal Ferriera, Balbir Singh and P T. Usha for production of serials on Billiards and Snookers, Hockey and Atheletics respectively. Proposals have also been received from outside producers/directors for various others disciplines. Processing of these proposals is on.

Amelioration of living conditions of unorganised women workers

2216. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) what is the percentage of families headed by women in low income groups;

(b) whether it is a fact that these women work in the houses and earn very meagre wages; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to undertake to ameliorate the living conditions of these unorganised women workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) According to the Census data, the percentage of households headed by women is around 10 per cent. The percentage of families headed by women in low income groups, however is not available..

(b) No Sir. Women who are heads of households work in home-based work as well as in work outside the home. The wages very acording to the nature of work.

(c) Government has several schemes for amelioration of the conditions of unorganised women workers. However, none of them with the exception of the Integrated Rural Development Programme has specifically identified families headed by women in low income groups as a target

Gainful employment to the unemployed

2217. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to provide gainful empolymen to the unemployed and under-employed in the country in pursuance of the recent announcement of 'Bekari Hatao' by the Prime Minister;

(b) what is the total amount which would be spent on the said schemes every year; and

(c) whether any new schemes would be introduced for the educated unmployed or the quantum of the ongoing schemes would be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Constant efforts are being made to rea-